

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(Utility Patent Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

*Projection Coupler with Contrast Ribs*

the specification of which:

  x   is attached hereto

       was filed on                      as Application Serial No.                       
with amendment(s) filed on                     

       was filed as PCT international application: serial number                      on  
                     and was amended under PCT Article 19 on  
                    

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Section 119 of Title 35, United States Code for the above-identified US patent application based on the patent or inventor's certificate identified below and having a filing date before that of the US patent application for which priority is claimed:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claimed under 35 USC 119</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Section 120 of Title 35 of the United States Code of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by Section 112 of Title 35 of the United States Code, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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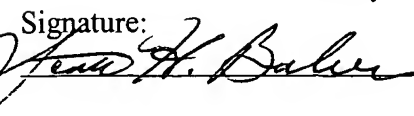
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